



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: 2021 marks the fifty-first anniversary of the United States Congress passing the Federal Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act); and
- WHEREAS: The DD Act defines developmental disabilities as a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to live independently, exert control and choice over their own lives, and fully participate in and contribute to their communities through full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of society; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 1.58% of Minnesotans have a developmental disability; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals with developmental disabilities should be provided with the information, skills, opportunities, and support to make informed choices and decisions about their own lives; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals with developmental disabilities can make choices to live in homes and communities in which such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens, pursue meaningful and productive lives, contribute to their families, communities, state, and nation, and have independent friendships and relationships; and
- WHEREAS: It is crucial that individuals can live free of abuse, neglect, and violations of their legal and human rights and achieve full integration and inclusion in society, in an individualized manner, consistent with unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, and capabilities of everyone; and
- WHEREAS: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month provides for individuals and families to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how developmental disabilities affects all of our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as:

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of March.


GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

